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EL PASO COUNTY COMMISIONER RACES

Q&A

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	DOUGLAS BRUCE - R	**Stanley G. Hildahl - D**	**Bob Null - R Write in**	**Sallie Clark - R**	**Dennis Hisey - R**	**Andre Vigil - D**
		Education: AA- German, North Iowa Community College, 1968; BA - English-Teaching, U. of Northern Iowa, 1972; Various Recertification Courses- U. of Maine; Various Microsoft Application, Server, and Networking Tech Classes ***Occupation:*** Currently Unemployed, 12 yrs. Information Technology, 5 yrs. Education, 10 yrs. Mechanic, 5 yrs. Economic Tech, Various Construction ***Endorsements:*** None reported	***Education:*** MSE, Arizona State University BSE, Arizona State University ***Occupation:*** Owner/CEO of Internet Service Provider. Owner/CEO of Web Development Company ***Endorsements:*** CS Fire Fighters Association, CS Police Protective Association, Villa Loma Home Owners Association, Korean Chamber	***Education:*** Bryman College, Long Beach, CA-Associates Degree ***Occupation:*** Small Business Owner (18 years), Holden House 1902 Bed & Breakfast Inn ***Endorsements:*** Colo. Springs Professional Fire Fighters Assoc., Assoc. of Retired Fire Fighters, Greater Colo. Springs Chamber of Commerce, Pikes Peak Fire Arms Coalition, Colo. Springs Employees Assoc. Colorado Restaurant Assoc. -Pikes Peak Chapter, Longtime Mayor Robert M. Isaac, Campaign Chairman	***Education:*** Graduated high school in the little town of Creswell, Oregon and attended Oral Roberts U. and Oregon State U. ***Occupation:*** Self employed in the home repair and maintenance field. ***Endorsements:*** State Rep., Richard Decker, Majority Leader in State House, Keith King, Majority Leader in State Senate, Mark Hillman, Past State Senate President Ray Powers, Colo. Springs Chamber of Commerce, Pikes Peak Board of Realtors, Housing and Building Assoc.	***Education:*** Ftn Fort Carson High 1975 El Paso Community College 1 1/2 Yrs. Local 113 Electrical Wireman apprenticeship 5 year program. Colorado State journeyman license ***Occupation:*** El Paso County Electrician ***Endorsements:*** Colo. AFL-CIO Steve Adams Pres.,Colo. Alliance for Retired Americans Frank Lay Pres.,Ken Barela City of Fountain Mayor, Mike Miles School Dist.8 Administrator, Jim Heckman City of Fountain Council member… (continued on website)
What are the top two issues that you hope to address if elected?	RESPOND	1) Water, living within the constraints of a semi-arid terrain. I am especially concerned with the dwindling aquifers. The Eastern half of the county will be devastated in x number of years, unless new development has an alternative water source! 2) Infrastructure, including regional transportation, roads, and health.	Explore using Zero Based Budgeting Process (Build budget from bottom up) for the county budget process. Request joint State/County study of historical water data and modern technology to assess/validate water sufficiency(quality and quantity).	Transportation and City/County cooperation. We must join efforts toward east-west mobility, maintenance/repair of bridges and roads, and support a convenient transit system, so working people can get to work. Partnering with the city on joint projects makes sense, since so much of what the county does affects the city.	**Public Safety:** Our Sheriffs Office not only provides jails and patrols on the street but they will be the first responders in the event of a catastrophe, either natural or man made. **Transportation:** Bringing our roads up to acceptable standards has to be a priority.	Restore our services, stop cutting our entitlement. Roads, Sheriff's, Health, Parks
The El Paso County Parks Dept. has seen significant budget cuts. What is your position on preserving trails, parks, and open space in El Paso County?	RESPOND	favor	If the City's TOPS court appeal is not won, I believe the City's TOPS initiative should be revisited. I believe the Calhan Fair should be managed under the Parks Dept as an event like any other event using the present fairgrounds – Maybe rename the property "Calhan Park".	My record proves my support for trails, open space and parks (including neighborhood pocket-parks). There is an opportunity to partner more proactively with the City on park development/maintenance to lower costs. Continue to seek grants and realize that our parks are important to our economic stability and clean tourism industries.	Parks, trails and open space are important components of a high quality of life. As space and trails are donated to the county I will work to integrate them into the wonderful network of trails and parks we currently enjoy.	We need to ensure funding for our parks. A community with well developed parks attracts families, company's and jobs, schools and so on. Thus making El Paso County a better place to raise your family.
Our community has experienced a decrease of $1.9 million in public health revenue since 2001. What approach will you take in protecting the health of a growing population amidst declining revenues?	RESPOND	Community Health is a small portion of the County Budget. It is important that the Health Dept.budget be restored. We, again, should have a Doctor on the Health board.	I believe the County should continue to apply for various grants for which it is eligible – Similar to the recent bio-chemical. If the current ballot initiative is approved by the voters in November, the Health and Environmental Department could be self sufficient(No County Funds) in 5 years.	The Health Department must be permitted to keep available grants from the state and federal levels to leverage dollars for the health of our community. Their budget has been continually reduced while mandates increase. Health concerns like West Nile Virus, Meth labs, and immunizations for children affect our entire county.	I support the excellent job the Health Dept. has done of responding to new and increased health threats amid budget cuts. This has been accomplished by responding to issues only they are qualified handle, cutting and eliminating programs that could be handled by others, including the private sector.	By setting a common sense priority whats more important the health and welfare of the community or a courthouse not to mention a partially manned jail, did we really need this all at once. Not to mention other abuses of our tax dollars. Cut pet projects, Dept. over spending, go
El Paso County workers can legally be fired, denied jobs, or discriminated against simply because of their sexual orientation, or perceived sexual orientation. Would you support a broader employment nondiscrimination policy for El Paso County to include sexual orientation? Why or why not?	NOT	Yes. It is a matter of Human Rights.	Yes. Employment should be based on job requirements and job performance. I do not condone discrimination of any kind! A national study just released gives Colorado Springs high marks in "Quality of Life", but finds that we still have "Discrimination" problems to solve.	El Paso County does not discriminate, based on legally protected classes. An Equal Opportunity Employment (EOE) plan is in place. Certain employees are exempt as "at will", but there is due process based on U.S. and Colorado employment laws. Employment should be based on job performance and due process.	Continued employment and advancement should be based on ability to perform the task at hand to serve the people of El Paso County. Arbitrary factors should not come to play in making those decisions. Singling out any one of those issues and creating a special category would not be acceptable.	I'm committed to follow the EEO plan as adopted by the BOCC. I applaud the foresight and spirit of the BOCC in passing Res. 04-273 this July 04. I will work vigorously to develop an Oversight Committee with sole responsibility to ensure plan is carried out conceitedly for all employees.
According to Kids Count data, 12% of children in Colo. live in poverty. What policy proposals, if any, would you introduce or support to assist children in low-income families in El Paso County?	DID	None at this time. I believe the commissioners should meet jointly with the health dept., Peak Vista, and possibly others, to see what needs are out there and how best to serve them.	The County presently has many programs that address parts of this problem, but government needs community participation. We need a citizen's group to look at: Causes, elements that leave our children in such situations, stakeholders who must be part of the fixes, and the roles of schools, churches, businesses, parents,…etc.	The Department of Human Services' mission is the elimination of violence and poverty. Since county commissioners serve as the board, we should support efforts such as the Commission on Children and Families, encourage grants and outside revenue sources and must follow DHS financial mandates dictated by the State of Colorado.	No child should be hungry. The D.H.S. and the public schools have programs to put food on the table and educate children in hopes of breaking that cycle in the next generation. Parents should have access to, and the initiative to pursue living wage jobs.	We have alot of programs available now. What we need to do is educate the community of these programs. We also need to think out side of the TABOR box we have to compile to by looking at possible credits to Meal providers, Day Care Centers, Head Start, CPP,CHP, CCCAP,

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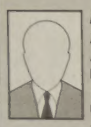
STATE HOUSE REPRESENTATIVE

Q&A

District 15



Bill Martin - D

Political Experience: None reported

Education: BA Degree in Economic from the University of Colorado in Denver 1981.

Occupation: PGA Head Golf Professional at Patty Jewett Golf Course and a small business owner.

Endorsements: AFLCIO, NARAL, CNA and CPAC- Colorado (Nurse Ass'n, COPOPS, Colorado Protectors of Public Schools

BILL L. CADMAN - R

SHAWN R. HOREN - L

District 16

Larry G. Liston - R

Political Experience: I have lived in HD for 33 out of 37 years that I have lived in HD #16. For the past 8 years, I have been Chmn. of HD #16 under Rep. Bill Sinclair. I have also served as Vice Chmn. Of the Colorado Rep. Party.

Education: Graduate of Wasson High School (in HD #16) in 1970. Attended Univ. of Colo. In Colo. Springs (in HD #16) in 70-71 and graduated from CSU in 1975 w/ a degree in Bussiness Admin

Occupation: I have for RBC dainrouscher since 1977 as a financial consultant and as a vice president in our firms.

Endorsements: C.S. Chamber of Commerce, HBA of C.S., Pikes Peak Area Realtors, N.F.I.B., Colo. Assn. Of Commerce + Ind.

MARY F. HAFNER - D

SCOTT PAUL GRAVES - L

District

Mark Cloer - R

Political Experience: I have been honored to represent the people of House District 17 as their State Representative for the past four years.

Education: Liberal Arts Program at Tulsa Junior College, AA; Missions Major Certificate from RHEMA Bible School, Borken Arrow, OK
Certified ESL Lebauch Instructor

Occupation: Educator

Endorsements: NFIB (National Federation of Independent Businesses), CASI (The State Chamber of Commerce), The IEC (Independent Electrical Contractors), Colorado Chiropractic Association, Colorado Water, Clinical Nurse Associates, Political Voice For Animals, Pat Miller (President of Citizens For Responsible Government), National Rifle Assoc., Rep. Lola Spradley, and a host of my co-workers.

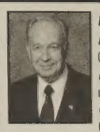
GLENN K. KAPU - D

If elected, what are two issues that you'd like to see legislation address in 2005?	I would like to see legislation addressed to ensure equal pay because of the contributions women and people of color make in the labor force. I would also like to see legislation to stop discrimination based on sexual orientation.				1) Solve our water issues 2) Solve our dilema between TABOR + Amend. #23			If elected, the two issues that I'd like to see addressed in 2005 are affordable health care and accessible health care.
The 2004 General Assembly was unable to reach a solution to address the state's budget woes resulting from the combined impact of Amendment 23 and TABOR. What is your position on addressing the state budget shortfall?	I believe changes need to be made to TABOR to ease the state budget shortfall.				Repeal Amendment #23, but if not reduce its effects and/or tweak TABOR			At this point in time, a referred ballot measure would not take place in time to change the way in which we can address a budget shortfall. Therefore, spending cuts are the only answer. I do not support cuts in Medicaid, children's health services or senior programs.
Last year, Senator Ed Jones introduced legislation to end affirmative action programs in Colorado. What is your position on affirmative action and why?	I support affirmative action programs. I don't believe they are a way to unqualified people an advantage, but are a way to give qualified people an opportunity they would not otherwise have.				It is probably not needed today.			Although America has come a long way addressing race relations over the past thirty years, we need to continue efforts to create a color-blind society.
In recent years, several bills have been introduced to provide tax credits or direct tax-dollar funding to cover a child's tuition at non-public schools. Do you support public funding of private (including religious and for profit) schools for K-12?	I will oppose all legislation to undermine the public school system through the use of vouchers or private school tax credits.	DO NOT RESPOND	DO NOT RESPOND	DO NOT RESPOND	I do support vochers, but will see what details are in any legislation. Competition is good for education.	DO NOT RESPOND	DO NOT RESPOND	I support efforts which would meet the State of Colorado's constitutional constraints and criteria. All other efforts must be rejected or the constitution must first be changed by the citizens of Colorado.
New census data report that the number of uninsured in Colorado rose to 16.7% in 2002-2003. This is a statistically significant increase to the over 700,000 people who were uninsured the previous year. What is your plan on addressing the growing number of Coloradoans without health insurance?	We must change the way health care is administered. We must insure that all Coloradoans have access to healthcare that is affordable. We must also create a system that covers all children.				I support tax deductible medical savings accounts (MSA's) I also support allowing businesses to pool together to insure their employees.			This is an issue which can not be answered with in the allotted word constraints. The first step though, needs to be a full reimbursement for Medicaid clients to reduce the cost shift onto insurance and private pay patients
Growth and development along the Front Range have brought jobs as well as increased traffic congestion and strains on environmental resources. What is the role of the legislature in issues of growth and environmental protection?	We must ensure that state revenues are sufficient to support the new infrastructure needed to deal with the strains of growth. The legislature must also put the needs of the environment ahead of the wishes of big business.				Growth issues should be a local decision and left up to the cities and counties.			Growth should pay its own way.
In Colorado and 36 other states, workers can legally be fired, denied jobs, or discriminated against simply because of their sexual orientation, or perceived sexual orientation. Would you support broader employment nondiscrimination laws for Colorado to include sexual orientation? Why or why not?	We need laws to prevent discrimination based on sexual orientation. All citizens deserve equal protection under the law regardless of sexual orientation.	DID NOT RESPOND	DID NOT RESPOND	DID NOT RESPOND	No, we have enough laws on the books, I doubt we need more.	DID NOT RESPOND	DID NOT RESPOND	No. In an effort to correct one problem, we must first assure that we are not creating another. One issue that could arise is religious institutions being forced to hire individuals in direct conflict with their beliefs.
According to Kids Count data, 12% of children in Colorado live in poverty. What policy proposals, if any, would you introduce or support to assist children in low-income families?	We need to support families with children. Working families should have wages that keep them above the poverty line. The safety net should be repaired to let no child slip through it.				I would like to see the data and learn more before I comment.			I will continue to support reasonable efforts to provide health care, food, shelter, a quality education, and other essentials for one of Colorado's most vulnerable groups.
Should public schools be permitted to teach comprehensive, medically accurate, sex education, including information about both abstinence and contraception? Why or why not?	Yes, schools need to teach accurate sex education. It must include contraception or the class is not dealing with reality.				Abstinence should be taught by the parents first and reinforced by our schools. Abortion should not be taught in our schools.			This is an issue which is best addressed by local school boards as long as the programs offered include the teaching of venereal disease, HIV, AIDS, pregnancy and other potential results of sexual activity. Each program should be offered on an opt in basis only.

CT 17		DISTRICT 18		DISTRICT 20		
Jessica Wheeler - L ***Political Experience:*** I have been a member of the Libertarian Party since 1999. I was the treasurer for the Libertarian Party of El Paso County between 2001 and 2002. I ran for State Senate in 2002. ***Education:*** I graduated from Mesa State College with a B.A. in history, and a Colorado secondary social studies teaching license. ***Occupation:*** I am a full time mother, I also tutor part-time with Mindbuilders a local company. ***Endorsements:*** None reported	**KENT DOUGLAS LAMERT - R**	**Michael Merrifield - D** ***Political Experience:*** Manitou Springs City Council 1996-2000 Ran For Representative of HD 22, 2000, lost Ran for Representative of HD 18, 2002, won 2002-04 State Rep. HD 18 ***Education:*** Bachelor of Music 1969, Master of Education, University of Arizona 1971 ***Occupation:*** Retired Teacher, State Representative ***Endorsements:*** Sierra Club, Clean Water Action, Colo. Educators Association, Colo. Conservation Voters, Colo. Trial Lawyers Association, Equal Rights Colorado, NARAL, Colo. Protector of Public Schools, Colo. Assoc. of Social Workers, Colo. Prfessional Firefighters Assoc., Colo. AFL-CIO	**Keith Hamburger - L** ***Political Experience:*** Candidate US House Dist 5 - 1990, 1992 Candidate Colorado House Dist 18 2002 ***Education:*** BS Physics, Physical Science Education Option, University of Southern Colorado, 1986 ***Occupation:*** Computer Technician ***Endorsements:*** None reported	**David Fletcher-Janzen - D** ***Political Experience:*** This will be my first campaign. ***Education:*** M.E.D, Texas State University, BSE, University of Texas at Austin ***Occupation:*** Administrator of services for children with significant emotional and behavioral difficulties. ***Endorsements:*** AFLCIO, NARAL, CNA and CPAC- Colorado
If elected, there are three specifically economic issues I'd like addressed. The first is the exportation of jobs overseas. We need to make it valuable for companies to locate here. This means lower taxes, less regulation, and reducing state government spending. I will strive to protect and uphold the rights		1) The budget crisis caused by the conflict of TABOR and Amendment 23. We must cut $265 M from the budget while refunding $400M to the taxpayers. 2.) Affordable health care. Colo. has 746, 000 uninsured citizens, most from working families, 360,000 on Medicaid. El Paso County has more uninsured children than any	Increasing spending and increased regulation. I am the only candidate in this race that stands firmly in favor of a constituionally limited govermnent.	The two issues that I would like to see addressed are actually a threesome that needs a bi-partisan review and correction. They are TABOR, Amendment 23 and the Gallagher amendment.	**LYNN CHRISTIAN HEFLEY - R**	**DOUG JONES - L**
My solution is to stop funding pork and pet projects around the state.		See #1. The state must receive enough revenue to provide needed services, and restore valuable services that have been cut. We must rid the state of the TABOR "racket" + change the income cap to personal income growth rather than population growth plus inflation. Personal income growth is a	One significant cause of the budget shortfall is the distortion of economic numbers by the federal government. It has been estimated that if the US government reported inflation in the same way that they did in 1980 TABOR would have allowed for tax revenue increases of nearly 50% over the	I believe TABOR needs adjustment including elimination of the ratchet effect and the development of a rainy day fund. Until we re-examine those changes and the property tax formula in the Gallagher Amendment, I support keeping Amendment 23 as it now stands.		
Affirmative action uses government to create inequality rather than equality. I feel in a color-blind republic, this sort of policy has no place. How can a people be free and equal when the government divides its citizens into different classes?		I am â strong supporter of affirmative action + worked behind the scenes to oppose Sen. Jones' bill. I will support affirmative action until it is no longer needed, until there is no discrimination in schools or the work-force.	I believe that individuals should be judged on their own personal achievements not on a racist measure of what minority to which they belong. I support ending affirmative action and all other such racist policies.	I support affirmative action programs. Though gains have been made in social, economic and educational attainment, there is a long way to go before empowerment of communities of color reaches an equitable position as compared to whites.		
I do not support public funding for education. Private schools are going to entangle themselves in all sorts of state mandated rules and regulations which may not mesh with their educational philosophies and goals. No money that comes from the government is without strings.	**D I D N O T R E S P O N D**	I DO NOT support public funding of private schools, for many reasons. A BRIEF list: 1) It's been proven they don't work 2) Resources siphoned from neediest schools 3) Private schools are no better than public schools 4) Colo. has voted down vouchers twice 5)THEY ARE UNCONSTITUTIONAL!	I do so long as it can be guaranteed that such funding will not result in increased regulation or control of private institutions. If that cannot be guaranteed, I will oppose such funding.	I do not support voucher programs.	**D I D N O T R E S P O N D**	**D I D N O T R E S P O N D**
It is taxes and increased regulation that haven driven up the cost of medical care so dramatically. Government interference in the healthcare industry has caused premiums to skyrocket. If we remove stringent government regulations, people can again have the type of medical care they choose at prices they can afford.		I will sponsor or co-sponsor legislation to: Increase enrollment of children in CHP+; create purchasing pool for discounted prescription drugs, recruit more students into nursing; fight cuts to Medicaid; preferred prescription drug list for Medicaid; income tax discount to small businesses who provide health insurance, + MORE!	Reduce health care costs by reducing the regulations that limit the number of health care providers and limit the options available to to those seeking treatment. I will work to repeal any law limiting the number of hospital beds which ultimately serves to limit supply, reduce competition and drive up costs.	Either we remove public health programs from the TABOR cap or we fix TABOR so funding is available for all of Colorados uninsured children. In addition, providing tax credits and incentives to small business owners may increase the rolls of the insured.		
It is the role of the legislature to ensure that government does not contribute to environmental problems, as is, unfortunately, often the case. As to growth, I would work to ensure the legislature passes no laws that contribute to the abuse of eminent domain.		The legislature should make sure growth pays for itself. Impact fees for infrastructure costs and schools would help. Preservation of open space is vital to the Health and quality of life of Coloradans. The state can help w/ preservation. The legislature must work to find a state-wide solution	I would like to see that all fees paid by developers are clearly earmarked for appropriate growth related projects, roads, schools, etc., and that if such fees are insufficient to support such growth that they are increased no more than is necessary to provide for population changes.	I believe it is the legislatures responsibility to assist, where necessary, local communities in enforcing master plans for their growth and development. Compliance with EPA standards should be accounted for in these plans.		
Putting another law on the books is not going to change how companies operate. If we find ourselves working for, or consuming from companies who discriminate based on perceived or actual sexual orientation, stop working for and consuming from these companies. Let them know why we no longer work or consume.		Yes, I would. All citizens of the United States are entitled to equal rights, + to deny them is unconstitutional. And, because it's the right thing to do.	No, I believe that like in any interpersonal relationship the government should have no involvement. The government should have no say in who you can fall in love with and marry and the government should have no say in who you will or will not hire or fire.	I am absolutely in favor of expanding legal protections based upon sexual orientation. Our Constitution was based upon the idea of equal rights for all. That should include all people.		
I remember when I was a child, if one parent chose to stay home, this was possible and not a huge financial strain. How odd that a generation later, two parents can work and barely make ends meet. This is due primarily to the high cost of government. The children		Raise the limit of kids eligible for CHP+. Avoid cuts to Medicaid. Create an affordable housing trust fund, provide low-cost health insurance to working-families, provide high-quality pre-kindergarten programs.	I will work to reduce regulations that make it more difficult for low income workers to find jobs and training. Currently there are numerous licensing laws and minimum wage laws that limit the potential for employment, particularly the first jobs that are so necessary to allow a person to learn	I believe that day care services in the welfare to work program must be fully reinstated to give parents a chance to get back on their feet. Expansion of the Childrens Health Program and other means to expand availability and accessibility will be supported.		
I'm not sure what would be included in comprehensive, medically accurate sexual education at schools. Education is the primary job of a parent. As a parent, I'm not sure that someone else should be teaching my child comprehensive medically accurate sexual information. If government keeps taking responsibility away from parents		Yes. Abstinence works for some students, but not all! Every study done concerning sex education over the last 10 years shows that BOTH must be taught to be most effective, and that knowledge of contraception does not encourage experimentation. Knowledge is health.	Herein lies the entire problem with government run schools. Since they are ultimately answerable to everyone and no one -I can see no solution to this issue short of elimination of government education. However, I am more than eager to listen to anyone who has an answer that will make	Public Schools should be permitted to teach comprehensive, medically accurate, sex education, including information about both abstinence and contraception because education is about teaching our children how to make decisions with all available facts. Effective sex education coupled with strong parental involvement results in children making the right choice.		

U.S. HOUSE REP. DIST. 5

Q&A

	JOEL HEFLEY - R	ARTHER "ROB" ROBERTS -L
	 **Fred Hardee - D** ***Political Experience:*** CD 5 Chair, County Chair, Precinct Chair ***Education:*** BBA – Management- University of Texas, El Paso ***Occupation:*** Small Business Owner ***Endorsements:*** APL/CIO	
If elected, what are two issues that you'd like to see legislation address in 2005?	1. The Economy, Job Exportation, 2. Affordable Health Care.	DID NOT RESPOND
In Colo. and 36 other states, workers can legally be fired, denied jobs, or discriminated against simply because of their sexual orientation, or perceived sexual orientation. Would you support a federal employment nondiscrimination law to include sexual orientation? Please explain why or why not.	Yes. Discrimination should not be allowed any place in the USA.	
According to Kids Count data, 12% of children in Colorado live in poverty. What policy proposals, if any, would you introduce or support to assist children in low-income families?	NO child in the USA should be without medical- or adult either.	
Do you support reauthorization of the USA PATRIOT ACT? Why or why not?	Not in the present form. The act should be reviewed to insure that no freedoms are taken away.	
Last year Congress approved a "vouchers" program for Washington, DC. Do you support public funding of private (including religious and for profit) schools for K-12?	No. Our public schools and making them more efficient should be our goal.	

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Q&A

	PEGGY LITTLETON - R
	Karen Teja - Unaffl. ***Education:*** AA degree from Fullerton Community College 1989; Early Childhood Administration certification ***Occupation:*** 2003 Coordinator for the Title IX National public hearing in Colo. Springs; 1982-1989 tteacher in Early Childhood Education at Child Study Centers at Fullerton Community College in California and American River College in Sacramento California; 1979-1982 Teacher in early childhood education in private schools ***Endorsements:*** Ken Salazar, Michael Merrifield, Evie Hudak, Marcy Morrison, Mayor Mary Lou Makepeace, Mary Ellen McNally, Mike Miles, Richard Skorman, Mary Wierman, Colorado Education Association
What are the top two issues you plan to address if elected?	Local Control: Advocating with the legislature and within the SBE to stop meddling by the state in local school district affairs. CSAP Problem: Working to reform the Standards and CSAP so that good schools do not fail in testing, and to establish Colorado's minimum high school Graduation requirements.
In recent years, several bills have been introduced to provide tax credits or direct tax-dollar funding to cover a child's tuition at non-public schools. Do you support public funding of private (including religious and for profit) schools for K-12?	NO. Our tax dollars need to be accountable and open to the public no in the hands of out-of-state private school corporations that would use vouchers to take tax dollars from our students and our communities. I believe and stand with our constitution of separation of church and state
What impact will the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) have on Colorado's public education system? What impact is it already having?	NCLB is costing our school districts millions of dollars in requirements that are not funded and not useful. THERE ARE TO MANY MIXED REQUIRMENTS NCLB IS CAUSING THE AVERAGE STUDENT TO BE EXCLUDED A plus is that educators are looking at data more and getting more training on using the
What are your suggestions for addressing test score achievement gaps between whites and nonwhites in Colo.?	Ensuring students come to school ready to learn by supporting early childhood education. We must increasing parent involvement and respond to parents. We must increase professional staff development and compensation to attract and retain highly effective teachers. We must understand the school community and support their needs.

DID NOT RESPOND

Check out our website at ***www.citizensproject.org*** for additional questions and answers for these races.

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Jennifer Mello - D
Political Experience: Advisory Committee, White House Project – Colorado, Bi-partisan GOTV effort for 2004 election, Executive Committee, Electing Women, Raising money for women running for Governor and Senate across the country, Captain, House District 6A, Grass-roots voter mobilization
Education: Georgetown University, Master of Public Policy, 1995 University of Denver, B.A. in Public Policy &History, Summa Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa, 1993
Occupation: Policy Director, House Minority Office, Colorado State Capitol (on leave of absence)
Endorsements: Denver Post, Rocky Mountain News, Boulder Daily Camera, Colorado Education Association

Steve Bosley - R
Political Experience: My entire background is the real world of decision-making, execution, and accountability. I have more than 32 years of extensive business and financial experience. I have the commitment and passion to serve our great university.
Education: Cozad (Nebraska) High School -1960; University of Colorado: B.S. Business Administration -1968; Honorary Doctorate -2003
Occupation: I worked 32 years in banking, 26 as a community bank president; I was the creator and 20-year executive director of the Bolder Boulder, the fifth largest foot race in the US.
Endorsements: None reported.

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U.S. SENATE

Pete Coors - R

DID NOT RESPOND

Ken Salazar - D

DID NOT RESPOND

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